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In re Patent Application of Takuya MORISHITA

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING ILLEGAL USE OF

SOFTWARE

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u> <u>UNDER 37 CFR 1.56</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of Document A1 is described in the present specification. English translations of the foreign documents are not readily available; however, English language abstracts have been provided herewith. The absence of such translations do not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Document A2 relates to a preventing system for illegal use of program.

Document A3 relates to a software illicit use preventing device.

The listed documents are being submitted compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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